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SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Schimek. On lobby registration...and we raised the fees and I don't really necessarily object to that, but I want...I would like, for the record, to clarify who needs to register as a lobbyist. I mean, there are nonprofits, and the fee is different than those who are lobbying for profit. My question is, does everyone who testifies at a hearing need to lobby...or register as a lobbyist?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No.

SENATOR SMITH: If someone testifies or advocates for an issue as part of their professional life, do they need to register as a lobbyist?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: What do you mean as part of their professional life?

SENATOR SMITH: That would be incidental to their job. Let's say that an economic development director out in rural Nebraska likes a bill, or doesn't like the bill, and decides to advocate for or against. Do they need to register as a lobbyist?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I don't believe so, Senator.

SENATOR SMITH: And so what is the threshold for who needs to register and who does not?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I think it goes beyond...and this is my interpretation, and I think probably Frank Daley is standing back there somewhere and I could clarify with him. But I think if a group, a volunteer group, let's say, comes in to testify on a bill, that that's okay. They don't have to register as a lobbyist. But once they start actually lobbying, they go to senators and personally give them information and make their points with those senators and continue to be maybe in the Rotunda, watching votes and watching legislation as it passes, then I think they need to register as a lobbyist. It's kind of a fine line, and I always encourage those people, about which there is any question at all, to go ahead and register, because